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HEARING PROGRAM

Budget Estimates 2023–24

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Monday, 22 May – Friday, 26 May 2023

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3,
Parliament House, Canberra
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Senator Karen Grogan, Chair
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair
Senator Tony Sheldon
Senator Fatima Payman
Senator Ross Cadell
Senator Hollie Hughes

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister
Senator the Hon Carol Brown

Secretariat

Stephen Palethorpe, Committee Secretary
Anthony Lotric, Estimates Officer

Monday, 22 May

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

9.00am	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Corporate matters and general questions
10.00am	Outcome 1: Support the transition of Australia's economy to net-zero emissions by 2050; transition energy to support net zero while maintaining security, reliability and affordability; support actions to promote adaptation and strengthen resilience of Australia's economy, society and environment; and take a leadership role internationally in responding to climate change. Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	Outcome 1: Continued Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
12.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Outcome 1: Continued Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
3.30pm	Afternoon tea
3.45pm	Outcome 1: Continued Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
4.45pm	Director of National Parks
5.15pm	Australian Energy Regulator
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Clean Energy Finance Corporation
8.30pm	Evening tea
8.45pm	Snowy Hydro Limited
10.00pm	Australian Renewable Energy Agency

11.00pm	Adjournment

Tuesday, 23 May

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

9.00am	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner
9.45am	Clean Energy Regulator
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	Climate Change Authority
11.45am	<p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p>Outcome 2: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage our natural resources including through a nature positive approach; protect and conserve our natural and cultural heritage; reduce and regulate the use of pollutants and hazardous substances; and take a leadership role on these issues internationally.</p> <p>Program 2.1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's environment through a nature positive approach</p>
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's environment through a nature positive approach</p>
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's environment through a nature positive approach</p>
4.45pm	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage</p>
5.45pm	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.3: Accelerate the transition to a circular economy, while safely managing pollutants and hazardous substances</p>
6.15pm	Dinner
7.15pm	Bureau of Meteorology

8.15pm	Threatened Species Scientific Committee Appearing via video conference.
8.45pm	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
9.30pm	Evening tea
9.45pm	Australian Institute of Marine Science
10.15pm	North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority
10.30pm	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Outcome 3: Advance Australia's environmental, scientific, strategic and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, researching and administering in the region, including through international engagement. Program 3.1: Contribute to Australia's national Antarctic interests through science, environmental management and international engagement, including delivering Australia's scientific research and operations in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean
11.00pm	Adjournment

Wednesday, 24 May

Communications and the Arts Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Corporate matters and general questions
10.00am	Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services. Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Outcome 5: Continued Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
4.15pm	Afternoon tea
4.30pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation (continued)
5.30pm	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation
6.45pm	Dinner
7.45pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority
9.15pm	Evening tea
9.30pm	Office of the eSafety Commissioner
11.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 25 May

Communications and the Arts Portfolio

9.00am	Australian Postal Corporation
10.30am	NBN Co Limited Chief Development Officer, Regional and Remote, Mr Gavin Williams, appearing via video conference.
11.15am	Morning tea
11.30am	NBN Co Limited (continued)
12.00pm	Classification Board
12.15pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression Program 6.1 – Arts and Cultural Development
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Outcome 6: Continued Program 6.1 – Arts and Cultural Development
3.30pm	Australia Council
4.30pm	Afternoon tea
4.45pm	Screen Australia
5.30pm	National Museum of Australia
6.15pm	National Archives of Australia

6.45pm	National Library of Australia
7.30pm	Dinner
8.30pm	National Gallery of Australia
9.15pm	National Film and Sound Archive of Australia
9.45pm	Evening tea
10.00pm	Creative Partnerships Australia Appearing via video conference.
10.30pm	Australian National Maritime Museum Director-CEO, Ms Daryl Karp, appearing via video conference.
11.00pm	Adjournment